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Observer status for the International Development Law Institute in the General Assembly

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The item entitled "Observer status for the International Development Law Institute in the General Assembly" was included in the provisional agenda of the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly at the request of Austria.

2. At its 3rd meeting, on 19 September 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 26th meeting, on 13 November 2001. The view of the representative who spoke during the Committee's consideration of the item is reflected in the relevant summary record (A/C.6/56/SR.26).

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a letter dated 19 June 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/56/141).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.16

5. At the 26th meeting, on 13 November, the representative of Austria, on behalf of Australia, Austria, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, China, France, Italy, the Netherlands, the Philippines, Senegal, Tunisia and Turkey, subsequently joined by Botswana and Ecuador, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Observer status for the International Development Law Institute in the General Assembly" (A/C.6/56/L.16).

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6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.16 without a vote (see para. 7).

III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

7. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Observer status for the International Development Law Institute in the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Wishing to promote cooperation between the United Nations and the International Development Law Institute,

1. *Decides* to invite the International Development Law Institute to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary action to implement the present resolution.